

GREENSBORO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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Commission Hosts Community Forum with Bicentennial Flair

GREENSBORO, N.C. – The city of Greensboro is gearing up to celebrate its Bicentennial in 2008. As part of the planning process, the Greensboro Bicentennial Commission invites the public to share ideas for the celebration at a community forum on Tuesday, August 29th at the Special Events Center of the Greensboro Coliseum.

Parking for this event will be free.

The forum will consist of three short sessions directed by facilitators from the Center for Creative Leadership. Sessions begin at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm. During these sessions, the public will be asked to share ideas for the Bicentennial celebration and commemoration. The commission is seeking ideas from individuals, community groups and businesses.

Special entertainment with a Greensboro historical theme will be part of each session. Door prizes featuring a limited edition Bicentennial mug will be given away through special drawings at the event.

The citywide celebration in 2008 is open to all members of the community and will observe Greensboro's 200th birthday with special activities and events. Program planners intend to call attention to the rich and unique history of Greensboro as well as the city's potential for the future.

"The community forum will give everyone in Greensboro an opportunity to bring ideas to the table and suggest elements for the 2008 celebration and commemoration," says Al Lineberry Jr., who co-chairs the commission with Claudette Burroughs-White and Elizabeth (Boo) Stauffer.

In addition to planning activities and events for the celebration, the commission has been asked to develop a lasting reminder of the Bicentennial that will be part of the city for many generations to come. The public is also invited to share ideas for commemorating the city at the forum.

Those unable to attend the forum who would like to submit an idea for the celebration or commemoration may do so by mail or by posting ideas on the Bicentennial website.

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The mailing address for the Bicentennial office is:
Greensboro Bicentennial Commission
130 Summit Avenue
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Or, go to the Bicentennial website at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/bicentennial/default.htm> and click on the "submit your ideas" link.

More than 100 Greensboro residents have already been involved in preplanning and collecting ideas. Mayor Keith Holiday urges all the members of the community to "bring your voice and vision to the forum."

The City of Greensboro, North Carolina, will celebrate its Bicentennial year in 2008. The City Council formed a Bicentennial Commission consisting of 27 members, three co-chairs and an executive director. The mission of this group is to commemorate the founding of Greensboro in 1808 with historical, educational and multicultural celebrations by the entire community. The commission is overseeing the planning and coordination of events, projects, and activities that reflect the rich heritage of Greensboro as well as the exciting promise of the city's future.

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